

Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A plasmid expressing the reporter in response to p53 has the reporter gene located downstream of a p53 responsive sequence. "ATGCTTGCCC" (SEQ ID NO:17) may be used as the p53 responsive sequence. There are no particular restrictions as to the reporter gene used as long as it has a detectable response. Genes such as those for luciferase and β -galactosidase can be used.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 1 shows the nucleotide sequence of striamin and its predicted amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NOs:2 and 1, respectively). The sequence of in-frame codons and the 5' upstream sequence obtained by 5' RACE PCR on the mouse skeletal muscle cDNA are underlined.